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**PATENT**

Docket No. : P0021544.02

**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Inventor(s): Laurent Schaller, et al  
Application No. : 10/653,027  
Filed: 08/28/2003  
Title: TISSUE CONNECTOR APPARATUS AND METHODS

Group Art Unit: 3773  
Examiner: Woo, Julian W.

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted  
i. ☐ Please enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on or about \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)  
ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
b. ☒ Enclosed  
i. ☐ Amendment/Reply  
ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
iii. ☒ Supplemental IDS  
iv. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**2. ☐ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently.**

**3. Fees** (The RCE fee of \$810.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees or credit any overpayments to:  
Deposit Account No. 01-2525  
i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).....\$ 810.00  
ii. ☐ Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.....180.00  
TOTAL.....\$990.00  
iii. ☒ Any other fees required to keep this application pending.

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Respectfully submitted,

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